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| <p align="center">Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief</p> | <p>Application No. 10/823,457</p> | <p>Applicant(s) KNIGHT ET AL.</p> | |
| | <p>Examiner KIM CHU</p> | <p>Art Unit 2627</p> | |

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THE REPLY FILED April 1, 2008 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☒ The Notice of Appeal was filed on 4/1/2008. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
(a) ☒ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
(c) ☒ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☒ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☒ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
Claim(s) allowed: 1-10 and 12-17.
Claim(s) objected to: _____.
Claim(s) rejected: 11 and 18-20.
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: 21.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See Continuation Sheet.
12. ☐ Note the attached Information *Disclosure Statement*(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____.
13. ☐ Other: _____.

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Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:

Applicant's Amendment and Remarks filed on April 1, 2008 have been fully considered but it is not persuasive.

With respect to Claim 11, Applicant does not agree that the prior art (U.S. Patent 5,303,214) of Kulakowski's bar code label 44 as illustrated in Fig. 13 has the feature "user control for controlling which portion of said information is displayed" (page 8 of the Remarks, lines 1 and 2). Applicant argues that the bar code with volume serial number (VOLSER) is affixed to a bin surface and once the bar code is printed, the volume serial number cannot be changed (page 7 of the Remarks, third paragraph, lines 1-4). Accordingly, Kulakowski's bar code label 44 has various coding fields such as characters and numerals (column 8, line 61). The contents of the fields in the bar code are set and updated to identify the cartridge holding bins 26 and 27 (column 8, lines 61-63). In other words, the prior art of Kulakowski's media cartridge library requires an operator to control the contents of the bar code fields with respect to its attached cartridge's location and volume number. Furthermore, in case of bar code operation has an error or needed an replacement (column 20, lines 37-52), the operator will remove the old bar code label with a new bar code label.

On the other hand, Applicant's Claim 11 only requires that the portion of displayed information is controllable by an user, and the prior art of Kulakowski's bar code information having various identify fields are set/controlled by the library operator and therefore satisfies the requirement of Applicant's claimed limitation.

With respect to the rejected Claims 18-20, Applicant's argument based on above are therefore not persuasive as explained in the above response.

With respect to the new Claim 21, the newly added feature "the display is a liquid crystal display" is not presented before and therefore it requires further search and consideration.

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